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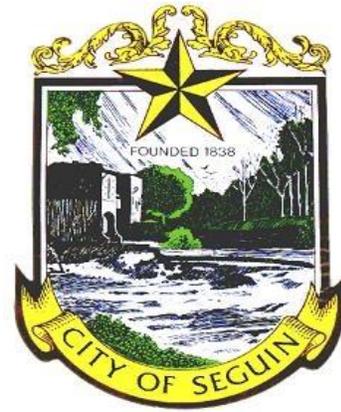
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Mayor Don Keil proclaims October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

SEGUIN, Texas – Mayor Don Keil has proclaimed the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Seguin. Volunteers and board members of the Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter (GVFVS) met with the mayor Thursday morning as he signed the proclamation.

“It’s important to educate our community on how to spot domestic violence, and what to do if it’s happening to them or someone they care about. This is sadly a situation that too many people find themselves in. There’s a real need for services and resources that target victims of domestic violence,” said Keil.

According to GVFVS’ website, the shelter serves about 500 women and children each year. Their goal is to help victims of violence recover emotionally and physically, and “build a life free from violence”.

“When I went to my first board meeting, and saw the women who had been through this difficult situation, I knew this was something I needed to do, to help them. It broke my heart,” said Ellie Dominguez, GVFVS Board Member.

GVFVS was established in 1983 as a nonprofit corporation to provide services to victims of family violence and sexual assault in Gonzales, Guadalupe, Karnes, and Wilson Counties of Texas. They also run “The Cranny” in downtown Seguin. The thrift store sells donations of clothing, furniture and household items, and all of the proceeds go to the shelter.

You can learn more about GVFVS by visiting their website: <http://www.safeseguin.org/>

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Pictured left to right: (sitting/standing closest to mayor) Jane Marley, Jennifer Fernandez, Ellie Dominguez, Stephanie Johnson, Ashton Story and Seguin Police Officers.